

**Minutes of the Southern Utah Veterans Home-Ivins,  
Advisory Board Meeting,  
July 13, 2017**

In Attendance: Terry Dunne (Chairman), Lloyd Laycook (Vice Chairman), Chris Hart (Board Member), Ron Lee (Board Member), Janet Warner (Board Member), Mel Brewer (Resident Board Member), Roger Tracy (Board Member), Barbara Holck (Board Member), Tony Moore (State Officer), Jerry Olson (Nursing Home Administrator).

Excused: Board Members Scott, Smith, Jeff McKenna

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dunne at 4:00 pm and all present were welcomed. We then offered the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chairman Dunne.

1. Prayer offered by Lloyd Laycook.
2. State Officer Moore then recognized 3 board members (Lloyd Laycook, Chris Hart, and Ron Lee) whose terms have ended. Each were presented with a plaque to commemorate their service to the Advisory Board.
3. Chairman Dunne then introduced a new board member Dr. Barbara Holck.
4. Minutes of April 13, 2017 Meeting referenced for individual read and all board members should have received them via email. He asked if anyone had any corrections for the minutes. Board Member Laycook motioned to approve the April 2017 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Board Member Tracy, motion passed unanimously.
5. Administrator Olson provided the following:
  - a. We have a new medical director at the facility. As per Avalon's agreement with Rocky Vista University, they choose who will act in that capacity. Dr. David Park previously held the position, but they have assigned Dr. David Crimin as our new medical director. Of note, Dr. Crimin is a Certified Medical Director thru the American Medical Director Association for Long Term Care, one of only about 5 that currently reside in Utah. Rocky Vista University will begin classes on 25 August.
  - b. We have a new Admissions Coordinator, Jennifer Ferrau, a retired Air Force Officer. She moved here with her family from Arkansas.
  - c. Administrator Olson introduced a visitor to the board meeting, Kelly Snowball, Avalon Vice President, who thanked the board for being able to serve as the contractor for this facility. Board Member Holck asked what were the indicators that Avalon looks at as measures of performance. Mr. Snowball replied that CMS provides a number of indicators thru a combined star rating. This facility has been and continues to be a 5-star rated facility. Additionally, we also have to meet 148 regulations required by the federal VA.

6. State Officer Report (Tony Moore):

- a. The State Officer thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Park Dedication. The park is finished and looks great. He is still waiting for one donor group to give their funds before having the recognition plaques made. There are no monuments in the park yet, but we have room for at least 7 in the park. Per the park design, it will take about \$10,000 to purchase and install a monument.
- b. A golf tournament brochure was provided to each board member in their board packets. This is the first annual golf tournament and its main purpose is to simply a community relations event, any leftover funds will be put into the Resident Council Fund and perhaps future tournaments could be more focused on fund raising. Board Members were encouraged to help promote the golf tournament.
- c. The State Officer reviewed the criteria for Honor Wall nominations and solicited input. Board Member Hart recommended resident Jack Reber be nominated for the Honor Wall.
- d. The State Officer reviewed the current status of the egress modification required to correct a federal life safety deficiency. For all exit doors besides the memory care units (200 and 400), the keypads will be replaced with a crashbar delayed exit system. The modification will be complete prior to the next board meeting.

7. Resident Report (Board Member Brewer): The different events since the last board meeting were provided on an events page in the meeting packet.

- a. Past Events: May 31<sup>st</sup> – SUVH Veterans Memorial Park dedication; June 6<sup>th</sup> – Meet & Greet with the new Medical Director Dr. David Crimin; June 10<sup>th</sup> – Pinewood Derby; June 14<sup>th</sup> – U.S. Army Birthday party; June 28<sup>th</sup> – SUVH Talent Show; July 4<sup>th</sup> – Western Hoedown Party.
- b. Future Events: July 19<sup>th</sup> – RVU Talent Show; July 24<sup>th</sup> – Pioneer Day; September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Luau; October 31<sup>st</sup> – Spooktacular.
- c. Board Member Hart suggested that Mrs. Brittany Hollinshead, a local Ivins resident, may want to visit the residents. She is currently Mrs. Utah and is competing to become Mrs. USA.
- d. Board Member Warner asked if board members could attend some of the resident events. Board members are invited and welcome to attend all of the resident events. Board Member Brewer explained that there is a monthly calendar available for planning purposes.

8. Board Business Items:

- a. Chairman Dunne initiated the annual election process for electing a Board Chairman. Board Member Holck requested that a link to the legislative article be sent to each member. Board Member Laycook motioned that Terry Dunne be elected to serve another year as Chairman, seconded by Board Member Tracy, the motion then passed unanimously.

- b. Board Member Hart expressed appreciation for the Memorial Park and everyone who contributed to it.
  - c. Board Member Tracy asked what the backlog was to get into this Veterans Home. Administrator Olson responded that there are approximately 150 people on the list and Chairman Dunne added that we call it an interest list since the admissions process is very dynamic.
  - d. Board Member Hart asked if we had recorded any resident testimonials as a record of performance for the facility. Administrator Olson responded by saying we could do a better job of this and that he is currently looking for a volunteer who could perform historian services not only for facility performance testimonials, but also for the individual experiences and family interest.
  - e. Board Member Laycook mentioned the successful veterans' benefits event held in Kanab recently in partnership with UDVMA, the SUVH, and the 5 counties organization. He still receives positive comments from the community from that event.
  - f. Board Member Holck asked if there were any plans to expand this facility. State Officer Moore responded that there are no plans to expand this facility; 1) because the sight is currently space limited, and 2) the state of Utah is bed limited from the current federal Veterans Administration determination of allowable beds for each state.
  - g. Board Member Tracy asked who owned the land just to the east of the facility. Chairman Dunne responded that Rocky Vista University owns the land east of the facility.
  - h. Chairman Dunne requested that the board members think about Honor Wall nominees and provide any input to the State Officer.
9. Board Member Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Laycook, and Chairman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm. Next Meetings tentatively to be held at 4:00 pm on:
- a. 2 November, 2017
  - b. 11 January, 2018
  - c. 12 April, 2018